



November 7, 2012

RE: Classification of RIP-D in Sec. 8-3121(11)

I have reviewed your Zoning Information Request regarding the sign standards for the RIP-D zoning district. Specifically, whether RIP-D is classified as "Residential" or "Nonresidential" for the purposes of sign area as identified in Sec. 8-3121(11). Sec. 8-3121(11) provides an exception to "All R" zoning districts for the RIP-C and R-B-C zoning districts.

While the RIP-D zoning district does permit numerous non-residential land uses such as restaurants, hotels, retail, etc. These uses are also permitted in RIP-B and RIP-B-1, which are not included as exceptions to the "All R" zoning districts category. The RIP-C district permits the most number and intensity of non-residential land uses.

The Historic District Sign section was created in 1986 and the RIP-D zoning district was created in 1994. I can not conclusively state that the RIP-D zoning district was unintentionally excluded from this exception as part of the 1994 text amendment.

Thus, for the purposes of signs the RIP-D should be considered as a "Residential" zoning district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff Goins".

Geoff Goins
Zoning Administrator
City of Savannah